

## **Bio Narrative for Jim Rose**

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A Wyoming native born in Casper, Jim Rose grew up in Goshen County, attending elementary and secondary school in Lingle and beginning his postsecondary studies at Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington. He graduated from the University of Wyoming with a degree in architectural engineering and then obtained a master's degree in architecture from the University of Virginia. He practiced architecture in Lander and served as a member and chairman of the Fremont County School District #1 board of trustees. In 1982, he accepted a faculty position in Civil & Architectural Engineering at the University of Wyoming. During his 18 years as a professor and director of architectural engineering, he also served as a member of the Laramie City Council and for two years as Laramie's mayor. During his tenure as a faculty member, Dr. Rose conducted two sabbaticals in Italy, the first as the United States delegate to the UNESCO agency ICCROM, conducting studies and research in the conservation of buildings. His second sabbatical was spent teaching architectural history as a member of the faculty at the Loyola University of Chicago Rome Center.

While in Laramie he served on the boards of several community and social service agencies including the Cathedral Home for Children and the Salvation Army. He received a doctorate in education from UW and in 1998 was elected to serve in the 55<sup>th</sup> Wyoming Legislature as member of the House of Representatives.

Prior to taking his current position as executive director of the Wyoming Community College Commission, Jim was a campus administrator for a community college in Sonoma County California. While living in Petaluma, California, he was a member of the Petaluma Sunrise Rotary Club and the Petaluma Planning Commission. He currently is vice president of the City of Cheyenne Planning Commission and a member of the State of Wyoming National Register Review Board, the Cheyenne Chamber Singers and the Cheyenne Sunrise Rotary Club.

His wife Michele is a music educator currently teaching in LCSD#1. They have three children. Sara is a licensed clinical social worker and clinical director of a non-profit in Ft. Collins, CO. Son Andy is a pediatrician at the Cheyenne Children's Clinic. Daughter Emily is an officer in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Corps, currently based in California. Most important, his four grandchildren in descending order by age, are Logan, Beckett, Sofia and Lyla.